

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 211

Introduced by Assembly Member Mendoza

February 2, 2009

An act to add Article 8.5 (commencing with Section 17075.50) to Chapter 12.5 of Part 10 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code, relating to school facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 211, as introduced, Mendoza. School facilities: classroom function locks.

Existing law, the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 (the Greene Act), requires the State Allocation Board to allocate to applicant school districts prescribed per-unhoused-pupil state funding for construction and modernization of school facilities, including hardship funding and supplemental funding for site development and acquisition.

This, on and after January 1, 2010, bill would require all new construction and modernization projects submitted to the Division of the State Architect pursuant to the Greene Act to include classroom function locks that allow doors to classrooms, offices, and other rooms where pupils and staff gather to be locked from the inside.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

1 (a) Violent incidents on school campuses are increasing at an
2 alarming rate. Lockdowns are an effective tool that can be used
3 on school campuses to facilitate the safety of pupils and staff during
4 violent incidents.

5 (b) The locks in most school classrooms, offices, and other
6 rooms where pupils and staff gather can be locked only from the
7 outside, and the safety of school staff and pupils could be placed
8 in jeopardy if school staff is required to go out into a hallway to
9 lock doors during a violent incident.

10 (c) Locking mechanisms that lock a door from the inside,
11 commonly referred to as classroom function locks, have been
12 developed to quickly lock doors to classrooms, offices, and other
13 rooms from the inside.

14 SEC. 2. Article 8.5 (commencing with Section 17075.50) is
15 added to Chapter 12.5 of Part 10 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the
16 Education Code, to read:

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18 Article 8.5. Classroom Function Locks
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20 17075.50. On and after January 1, 2010, all new construction
21 and modernization projects submitted to the Division of the State
22 Architect pursuant to this chapter shall include classroom function
23 locks that allow doors to classrooms, offices, and other rooms
24 where pupils and school staff gather to be locked from the inside.

25 17075.52. The classroom function locks required pursuant to
26 this article shall consist of locking mechanisms that allow doors
27 to be locked from the inside, or the best technology that
28 accomplishes the same result.